

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE (NOT ON OFFER IN 2023/24)

## Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The Postgraduate Diploma in Community and Primary Healthcare is a blended programme that can be completed full-time over one academic year or part-time over 2 academic years. Students take modules to the value of **60** credits.

## Exit Award: Postgraduate Certificate in Community and Primary Healthcare (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award)

Students who opt to exit the programme will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Community and Primary Healthcare (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pccph/>) upon successful completion and passing modules to the value of **30** credits.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

### Full-time programme (1 year)

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>60</b> credits as follows - all listed core modules ( <b>45</b> credits) and <b>15</b> credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6044	Health and Health Promotion: Concepts and Principles	5
NU6095	Primary Health Care Services in the Community	5
NU6302	Practice Enhancement for Quality Healthcare	10
NU6175	Integration and Continuity of Care Across Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Health	5
NU6176	Community and Primary Healthcare Clinical Practicum 1	5
NU6177	Community and Primary Healthcare Clinical Practicum 2	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of <b>15</b> credits from the following:		
MH6032	Effective Communication in Healthcare (5)	
MH6038	Allergy and Immunology Focused on Primary Care (5)	
MH6039	Allergy and Immunology: The Nurse's and Dietetics Perspective (5)	
NU5082	History Taking and Physical Assessment for Nursing Practice (5)	
NU6053	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Specialist Practice (5)	

NU6078	Ageing and Older People: Comprehensive Assessment and Management (10)	
NU6079	Promoting Positive Ageing and Planning for End of Life (5)	
NU6085	Wound Care for Healthcare Professionals (5)	
NU6145	Foundations of Cancer Care (10)	
NU6158	Evidence Based Cervical Screening (10)	
GP5100	Diabetes in Primary Care (10)	
GP5103	Fundamentals of CVD in Primary Care (5)	
EH6161	Contemporary Perspectives of Global Health (5)	
EH6162	Environmental Health: Principal Aspects and Burden of Disease (5)	
EH6163	Principles and Practices of Screening (5)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

### Part-time programme (2 years)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows - all listed core modules ( <b>25</b> credits) and <b>5</b> credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6044	Health and Health Promotion: Concepts and Principles	5
NU6095	Primary Health Care Services in the Community	5
NU6176	Community and Primary Healthcare Clinical Practicum 1	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of <b>5</b> credits from the following:		
MH6032	Effective Communication in Healthcare (5)	
MH6038	Allergy and Immunology Focused on Primary Care (5)	
MH6039	Allergy and Immunology: The Nurse's and Dietetics Perspective (5)	
NU5082	History Taking and Physical Assessment for Nursing Practice (5)	
NU6079	Promoting Positive Ageing and Planning for End of Life (5)	
NU6085	Wound Care for Healthcare Professionals (5)	
GP5103	Fundamentals of CVD in Primary Care (5)	
EH6161	Contemporary Perspectives of Global Health (5)	
EH6162	Environmental Health: Principal Aspects and Burden of Disease (5)	
EH6163	Principles and Practices of Screening (5)	
<b>Year 2</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows - all listed core modules ( <b>20</b> credits) and <b>10</b> credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
NU6302	Practice Enhancement for Quality Healthcare	10
NU6175	Integration and Continuity of Care Across Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Health	5
NU6177	Community and Primary Healthcare Clinical Practicum 2	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		

Students take modules to the value of **10** credits from the following: 10

MH6032	Effective Communication in Healthcare (5)
MH6038	Allergy and Immunology Focused on Primary Care (5)
MH6039	Allergy and Immunology: The Nurse's and Dietetics Perspective (5)
NU5082	History Taking and Physical Assessment for Nursing Practice (5)
NU6053	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Specialist Practice (5)
NU6078	Ageing and Older People: Comprehensive Assessment and Management (10)
NU6079	Promoting Positive Ageing and Planning for End of Life (5)
NU6085	Wound Care for Healthcare Professionals (5)
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## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Community and Primary Healthcare (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)**

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Develop knowledge and critical reflective skills to interpret and evaluate evidence and adopt an evidence-based practice approach to professional practice in the community healthcare, integrated care context.
- Critically examine the multi-dimensional nature of health and the multi-sectorial /disciplinary approaches to health promotion and apply a population health approach to address principles related to equality, diversion, and inclusion.
- Critically reflect upon a variety of contemporary healthcare issues as they relate to primary healthcare theory and practice both nationally and internationally.
- Apply critical theoretical insights, clinical reasoning, and quality improvement approaches/initiatives for the enhancement of health care delivery in the community primary care context.
- Develop ethical and legal knowledge and evaluative skills to enhance professional judgement for enhanced decision making in specialist practice.
- Demonstrate critical reflection on the role and impact of interdisciplinary and collaborative cross boundary team working in meeting service users' needs in an integrated care system.
- Enhance the knowledge and skills in prevention, early intervention, and self-management of conditions in the community and promote

an understanding of the importance of integration of services for the continuity of care.